PRESIDENT: I might make it clear that the Tata Airways and the Governments of Cochin, Mysore and Travancore have entered into an agreement for the purpose of running a bi-weekly or tri-weekly service between Trivandrum, Cochin, Bangalore and Madras and back again. It takes four hours in each direction.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: From what date?

PRESIDENT: From 1st October.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the plane which is now in Travancore is a part of the fleet?

PRESIDENT: It is His Highness' own plane, and is not part of the service.

MR. K. A. MATHEW: May I know whether the Government is aware that in the *Travancore Information* it was mentioned that it was one of the service planes?

PRESIDENT: The *Travancore Information* is not always infallible. (*Laughter*)

Construction of a workshop.

15. ❋ MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether they have decided to construct a new workshop at Trivandrum beach; and

(*b*) if the answer to the above is in the affirmative, the estimated cost of the workshop?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) About Rs. 28 lakhs.

MR. VARKALA K. MADHAVAN: May I know when the work is expected to commence?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It has already commenced.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: What are the workshops intended to cater to?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: All industries.

PRESIDENT: The idea is that these workshops will be one of the central workshops of the State and will supply material for the Transport Department and for all the industries so that it may not be necessary to get any spare parts from outside.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: Where are these works to be started?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is adjacent to the railway line between Veli and Pettah stations.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: What is the number of acres to be acquired for the workshops?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: 10 acres.

MR. K. M. PAUL: Will the material be able to compete with the material available outside?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: That is the idea.

MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: Who is to be in charge of the workshop?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: When it is finished or when it is under construction?

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MR. K. K. CHELLAPPAN PILLAI: May I know whether it is not under contemplation?

PRESIDENT: Order, order. Neither the question nor the answer is relevant. (*Laughter*). Future intentions or contemplations cannot be made the subject of such questions.

MR. A. P. UDAYABHANU (*Karunagapalli* cum *Kartikapalli*): Have you placed any orders for machinery of the workshop?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: We have got down some machinery from the surplus stock from the Government of India.

P. W. D. Scheduled rate for a cooly.

16. ❋ MR. PULIYOOR T. P. VELAYUDHAN PILLAI: Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) the P. W. D. Scheduled rate for a cooly in 1120 and 1121; and

(*b*) the rate of wages given to a cooly engaged for the work done by the department direct?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: (*a*) Re. 0-22-0 in the A tract.

Re. 0-26-0 in the B tract.

Rs. 1-4-0 in the C tract.

(*b*) The above rates are allowed.

MR. P. K. KURIAKOSE: May I know the places comprised in tract C mentioned in the answer?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is mentioned in the maps. These tracts were fixed long ago.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know whether the revision proposed by the Public Works Advisory Committee has been accepted by the Government?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is being done.

MR. J. T. MORAIS (*Neyyattinkara* cum *Trivandrum*): May I know whether it will be possible to recruit coolies at 20 to 22 chuckrams?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENATAKRISHNAN: Not individual coolies.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: What is the rate for the aerodrome coolies?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: From Re. 1 to Re. 1 Ch. 7.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I know when the work will be completed?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It involves a lot of work.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I take it that the work will be expedited?

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: That is the intention.

MR. R. MADHAVAN NAIR: The works are being held up in the mofussil owing to the fact that inadequate rates are paid to those coolies.

DEWAN BAHADUR L. VENKATAKRISHNAN: It is not so.

MR. P. O. THOMAS: May I take it that the new rates will be in force from the commencement of the next year?

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